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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 4, 2002 in the above-identified application. It is believed that a three month extension of time is required, which is hereby requested, and a check for the appropriate fee of \$460.00 is included with this response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 18475-025.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 4-6 and 9, and amend claims 1-3, 7-14 and 24 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A composition comprising a substance P peptide in a dose effective to inhibit growth of a bacterial cell.
 2. (Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the amino acid sequence of the peptide comprises residues 1-8 of SEQ ID No: 1.
 3. (Amended) The composition of claim 2, wherein the amino acid sequence of the peptide comprises residues 1-8 of SEQ ID No: 2.
 7. (Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the amino acid sequence of the peptide comprises amino acids 1-10 of SEQ ID Nos: 1 or 2.
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